

REMARKS

The final Office Action of July 1, 2003 and the Advisory Action of August 29, 2003 have been fully considered. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has previously rejected claims 1-17, 25-37, and 39-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fink in view of Tang. Applicants respectfully traverse.

According to the Examiner, Fink describes the use of a light emitting layer such as Alq_3 in the electroluminescent device, but the reference fails to disclose that the light emitting layer may further comprise a fluorescent dye. The Examiner then states that Tang teaches doping of a light-emitting layer with one dopant or more to modify the color and efficiency of light emitted from the light emitting layer.

Applicants respectfully maintain their traversal of this rejection in accordance with the arguments presented in the previously filed response. Applicants further submit that the above amendments also further overcome the Examiner's rejections. As stated by the Examiner on pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action, Fink and Tang fail to disclose or teach a buffer layer adjacent an anode and hole transport layer as claimed in claim 18. Moreover, no motivation is provided by either of Fink or Tang that would lead one of skill in the art to modify Fink or Tang to place a buffer layer adjacent an anode and hole transport layer. Each of independent claims 1, 10, 29, 31, 35, 42, and 43 requires a buffer layer adjacent an anode and hole transport layer. Support for the amendments to each of these claims may be found in original claim 18 (cancelled herein).

Because neither Fink nor Tang disclose or teach the presently claimed invention, as stated by the Examiner, Applicants respectfully submit the independent claims listed above, and their dependents, claims 2-9, 11-17, 25-28, 30, 32-34, 36-37, and 39-41 are not obvious. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit the present application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

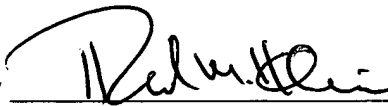
It is believed that no additional fee is due in conjunction with this response. If, however, it is determined that fees are due, authorization is hereby given for deduction of those fees from Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby authorized to call Richard M. Klein, at Telephone Number 216-861-5582, Cleveland, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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